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Clerks Denounce Ward's at Hayward

REPORT
To Our Readers - Owners

TRIB IS DISTURBED

The Oakland Tribune in its June 13 issue expressed agitation of spirit over the statement made by Harry P. Cain before the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights that "our nation has less to worry about from the clear and present danger of Communism than it has to worry about from the secret and more pernicious danger of Fascism."

The Trib in its editorial expresses astonishment that "a man who is holding a $15,000 job which calls for protecting this nation against the worst form of subversion that has ever existed" should say such a thing.

There are two forms of subversion, one sneaking in from the Right and one in from the Left. Naturally the Trib wouldn't understand about the one sneaking in from the Right, because Senator Knowland voted against censuring Joe McCarthy.

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HE RISKED $15,000!

The Trib stupidly speaks of Fascism as "the vestiges of an ideology that was crushed more than a decade ago," and declares that to strive to make people believe that Communism "represents a lesser menace than the memories of Hitler and Mussolini is hardly justifiable on the part of a man sworn to fight Communism and getting paid handsomely to do it."

As if the Fascism which Cain had in mind consisted merely of "the memories of Hitler and Mussolini." Plainly what Cain was thinking of was the danger of what we call in this country McCarthyism—and we call it that with good reason!—getting the upper hand.

Apparently another thing that is very difficult for the Trib to understand is how a man "getting paid handsomely . . . holding a $15,000 job" could possibly have the manhood to speak up and endanger that job.

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THAT BLACKLIST

Cain, a former Republican Senator, also said this:

"To list organizations as bad without those in authority bothering to define why the organizations are bad is to employ a weapon from the arsenal of a tyrant."

Cain was of course referring to the practice of the U. S. Attorney General, who lists organizations as subversive and then leaves them dangling in public view. It is as though the District Attorney of Alameda county were privileged to issue from time to time lists of persons he suspected of being murderers or burglars, and just leaving the matter at that, with the listed person not promptly prosecuted, but simply slandered.

Such little practices evidently don't bother McCarthyites or the Tribune. They do bother Harry Cain, even if he gets $15,000 a year.

Berkeley Teachers Officers Chosen

Officers of Berkeley Teachers 1078 for 1956-57 are:

President — J. Oswaldo Asturias

Vice-President — Ray Hernandez

Secretary — Howard Hughes

Treasurer — Henry M. Nelson

Editor of the "CLASSROOM TEACHER"—James E. Pendleton.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

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Candidates Won't Tap Unions, Must Go to the League

A committee of the Alameda County Voters League-AFL has met with League-endorsed candidates for political office and discussed arrangements for the November general election campaign.

The holding of such a meeting and the agreeing on rules for the conduct of campaigns has been in mind for some time, Robert S. Ash told the Central Labor Council this week.

Ash, CLC secretary, is also secretary of the League.

The agreement reached with the candidates, he said, is that no League-endorsed candidate is to approach individual unions for financial contributions to his campaign.

All approaches on this subject must be made to the League. Any candidate violating this rule, and going directly to an individual local union, will be subject to having all aid from the League cut off.

"It was agreed that the raising of money for political purposes is properly the function of the League," said Ash. "So this year the unions won't have candidates ringing the doorbell and asking for financial aid."

Ash emphasized, however, the fact that it would be necessary to raise money for the campaign, and that the League officers would be making requests, but in a far more orderly way than if the candidates ran about at random trying to make collections.

AFL News Writers Merge With Guild

Newspaper Writers & Reporters Local 22279, an AFL federal local union which for years held jurisdiction over editorial department workers at the Richmond Independent, Olympic Press, and East Bay Labor Journal, recently voted to merge with the San-Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild.

The American Newspaper Guild, of which the S.F.-Oakland Guild is an affiliate, was an independent when organized in 1933, later joined the AFL, and then went to the CIO, with which it was affiliated at the time of the big merger.

Sam B. Eubanks, executive secretary of the S.-F.Oakland Guild, announces that the Guild has voted to establish two new units comprising the membership of the former Newspaper Writers & Reporters Local 22279. All members employed on the Richmond Independent will form one unit. All members employed by the Olympic Press and East Bay Labor Journal will form a second unit to be known as the East Bay Labor Press Unit.

An informal dinner will be held Tuesday, June 26, at 7:30 p.m. to welcome the new Guild members, at the Village Restaurant, 920 Nevin Avenue, Richmond. Officers of S.F.-Oakland Newspaper Guild and two members of it who are American Newspaper Guild executive board members will also attend. Wives are included in the invitation.

Representatives of the San Mateo, Santa Rosa, and Vallejo units will be present as well.

The Olympic Press, with which East Bay Labor Journal is grouped in the organizational setup, was recently purchased by Sheldon Sackett from Joseph Bredsteen. It publishes a chain of papers sponsored but not owned by various labor organizations.

Bruzzone to Have A Visit in Italy

Angelo Bruzzone is concluding his studies at Ruskin College, Oxford, England, and about June 30 will be at 16 Via Campana, Varazze, Italy, per Savona.

He will be spending some time with his father there, and then will sail for home. Bruzzone, member of Milk Drivers 302, has been studying at Ruskin College on a scholarship.



JAMES SUFFRIDGE, president of the Retail Clerks International Association, formerly secretary-treasurer of Food Clerks 870 here, is shown (left) testifying before a Senate subcommittee, accompanied by his assistant, William Maguire. Suffridge testified that three million retail workers throughout the nation would get direct wage boosts if the Federal minimum-wage law were extended to large scale and interstate operations.

Ward Group Votes By 296 to 47 For Warehousem'n 853

Office-clerical and building-operating employees of the Oakland Montgomery Ward mail order house voted Friday of last week by 296 to 47 to be represented in collective bargaining by Teamster Warehousemen 853. There was no opposing union.

Business Representative Tom Connor, assigned by Secretary-Treasurer W. D. Nicholas to the Montgomery Ward work of the union, said that NLRB reckons those who have just voted as a residual unit, and that accordingly the results of the negotiations recently concluded by the Teamster Montgomery Ward Council apply to them.

The newcomers to Local 853 thus get the benefits of the contract, retroactive to June 1, negotiated by 19 locals affiliated with the Teamster Montgomery Ward Council with the big company. Of the 19 locals, 9 scattered throughout the country are directly concerned with the 9 main mail order and retail establishments of the type long established in Oakland.

"Teamster Warehousemen 853 deeply appreciates the support given it in this election just concluded successfully," said Connor. "That support included the labor movement here and East Bay Labor Journal."

Connor said that the union is requesting all mail order members of the union to buy goods in the retail department of the big Montgomery Ward establishment here only from retail personnel who are members of the union.

Miami Beach Has 9 Union Hotels

Hotel & Restaurant Employees & Bartenders International Union has notified the Central Labor Council that "visitors to Miami Beach have a choice of fine hotels which have signed agreements" with the union.

"Enjoy your visit to Miami Beach, but enjoy it with a union label," says the communication.

Here are the hotels which have signed agreements with the union: Delano, Di Lido, Seville, Eden Roc, Monte Carlo, Patrician, Brazil, Shelborne, and Vanderbilt.

Can Your Printer Use Union Label?

C. Roy Heinrichs, secretary-treasurer, East Bay Cities Allied Printing Trades Council, says that recently some unions have ordered printing done without determining whether or not the shop is entitled to the union label.

Later, when the union asks why the label isn't on the job, the discovery is made that the shop is not entitled to the label.

Heinrichs suggests that if there is any doubt about a firm's right to use of the label, he can be reached at TEmplebar 2-3497. His office is at 600 16th Street, Room 17, Pacific Building.

NO 'RIGHT TO SCAB' LAW ON NOV. BALLOT; LOUISIANA REPEALS

One organized labor headache has been removed for the time being in California. There will be no "right to work" proposition on the November ballot, the summary issued by Secretary of State Jordan showed.

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash called attention to this at the CLC meeting this week, but recommended that the council order a copy of a new film demonstrating the dangers of the "right to work" law, or "right to scab" law, as it is called by labor. His recommendation was accepted.

Louisiana has just repealed its "right to work" law, but there are still 17 States with the measure on the statute books.

Labor Political Session Scheduled After Convention

The pre-general election convention of the California Labor League for Political Education will be held September 14 in San Francisco, it was announced by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the state AFL political organization.

Haggerty said the main business of the September convention would be to:

1) Reaffirm primary endorsements of the CLLPE;

2) Issue endorsements for the election of November 6, 1956 in those instances where CLLPE - endorsed candidates failed to qualify at the primary election.

Haggerty said that more than 98 percent of CLLPE-backed candidates either won their own party nominations or carried both tickets in the June 5 primary.

The official convention call to California Labor League for Political Education affiliates will be issued later.

Convention sessions will be held at California Hall in downtown San Francisco.

The political session will follow by one month the annual convention of the California State Federation of Labor set for August 13-17 in Long Beach.

Each local union affiliated with the CLLPE is entitled to one delegate at the convention. The vote of each local union will be based on the average per capita tax paid into the CLLPE during the fiscal year preceding the convention.

Cemetery Strike And S. F. Council

The San Francisco Labor Council has withdrawn from negotiations between the Cemetery Workers, on strike for several weeks, and the owners of the cemeteries.

Gus Katsarsky, assistant secretary of the Labor Council, reported that in his opinion the union officials should have paid more attention to an offer of the employers. It was made plain, however, that the Labor Council is still backing the strike, which has lasted several weeks.

Political Leader Of AFLCIO Women Speaks July 10th

Every union with women members is asked to send at least 5 delegates to a meeting Tuesday, July 10, 8 p.m., at the Labor Temple at which permanent organization of the Women's Division of the Alameda County Voters League-AFL will be established.

Mrs. Margaret Thornburgh, director of women's activities in the Western States for COPE (AFLCIO Committee for Political Education) will be present and address the meeting.

Marge Frantz, Office Employees 29, will preside, having been elected temporary chairman at a preliminary meeting, and Elizabeth Mackin, Food Clerks 870, is temporary secretary.

Mrs. Thornburgh knows working conditions and union affairs from the inside. She is a charter member of Glass Blowers 88, Okmulgee, Okla., and her first job was with the Ball Jar Co. at $12 a week, according to Labors Daily. She served her local union as recording secretary, financial secretary, grievance chairman, and president, during an 8-year period.

In 1947 she became an international representative of the Glass Blowers, holding that office until appointed by President Meany to Labor's League for Political Education, the AFL forerunner of AFLCIO COPE.

Mrs. Thornburgh's husband is a member of the Oil Workers and their son is a member of the same local of the Glass Blowers she has served so faithfully.

Nell Womack Evans of Labors Daily staff wrote in a recent issue:

"Politicos say potential women voters number 53,700,000 to men voters 51,300,000, making women's votes the decisive factor in this year's election . . . these same politicos say women cast 52 percent of the votes for Eisenhower in 1952 . . .

"Within this 52 percent vote, women from high income groups outvoted union members' wives by nearly a two to one margin. We union women are the bad citizens who elected the bad officials who are now 'voting conservatively' and trying to tie the hands of organized labor."

Officers Chosen By Culinary 31

Culinary Workers Alliance 31 held its election June 12.

Vice President Ethel Geer and Secretary-Treasurer Fran Kaczmarek were returned to office unopposed.

Those elected in contested offices were:

President-Organizer — Edrie Wright, defeating Alex Sulek.

4 Business Agents — Betty Borikas, Jody Kerrigan, Alma Phillips, Elmo Rua.

Other candidates for business agent were Helen Corliss and Louise Keogh.

8 Executive Board Members—Pat Acalin, Emma Eggers, Phyllis Gentry, Joe Hollenstein, Arthur Johnson, Elizabeth Nichols, George Osmer, Cora Vincent.

Bernadette Eyselee was also a candidate.

3 Delegates to Local Joint Executive Board — Ethel Geer, Fran Kaczmarek, Edrie Wright.

Other candidates were Bernadette Eyselee and Alex Sulek.

4 Delegates to State Conventions — Emma Eggers, Joe Hollenstein, George Osmer, Alma Phillips.

Other candidates were Helen Corliss, Louise Keogh.

Paul Dolliver of CTU 208 Passes

Officers and members of Commercial Telegraphers 208 are mourning the death of a highly respected member of the executive board, Paul Dolliver, who died May 26 of a heart attack.

Dolliver was 37 years old. He is survived by a wife and three children.

Nickel 'Lollipop' Is Offered; Carpenters Voting on Strike

When the Building Trades Council met Tuesday, five Carpenters' locals in the Bay Area were in effect voting on the "lollipop deal" offered by the employers, the basic decision being whether to take the "lollipop" or strike for the 7-hour day.

The big Carpenters Local 36 of Oakland, the last one to vote, is voting this (Friday) evening, and tomorrow (Saturday) the votes of all the locals will be tabulated at Bay Cities Carpenters District Council office in San Francisco, and announced.

Charles Roe, Hayward Carpenters 1622, explained at the BTC meeting that the "lollipop deal" term refers to the offer of the employers to raise pay 5 cents an hour—and to retain the 8-hour day.

This, said Roe, seemed so ridiculous to the Carpenters' negotiators that it was thought of as a lollipop offered to a kid, not a sensible proposal to grown men.

This nickel's worth of lollipop, said Roe, was only one of the "little gems" produced by the employers from their jewel chest.

For example, he said, the union had asked for tool insurance, as many tools are stolen from the jobs. The employers offered to provide space for storing the tools. Then if tools disappeared, any claim would be referred to a joint board, three employers, three unionists, with a tie-breaker to be called in if necessary.

"This would mean that months would go by," said Roe, "before a man got any award for his tools, and then some small amount."

More research and gathering of important information had gone into these negotiations than had been invested for years by the union in collective bargaining, said Roe. And he felt the negotiations showed the effect of this careful preparation.

Roe said that at a crucial meeting of the District Council there was some parroting by some few of lines of argument the employers were putting out, but when it came to a vote, the advocates of standing firm for the 7-hour day won by two to one.

Roe and Chester Bartalini, executive secretary of the Carpenters District Council, had at previous meetings of the BTC stressed the importance of the 7-hour day being achieved in view of the oncoming of more and more labor saving devices, throwing an increasing number of carpenters out of work.

URBAN RENEWAL

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers, commenting on the action of the Board of Business Agents in recommending that the council purchase shares in the Oakland Home Improvement Program for next year, stressed the great importance of the whole urban renewal plan.

Urban renewal, he said, had reached the stage where it must either go ahead, or fold up, and there was every reason why building tradesmen should be intensely interested in having it go ahead.

The aid to veterans on home purchasing ends June 27, 1957, 80 percent of the new homes have been bought under this program, there is pressure on Congress to knock it off and replace it with a much watered down program.

If that happens, said Childers, there will be a great need for more work for building tradesmen. Conservatives in Oakland have now finally taken a good bite at this program, and they must either swallow it or spit it out, and indications were at present that if all those in favor of the program pushed on with it they would not now reject it, including some public housing.

Many old shacks would have to be torn down, and it seemed essential to have a Redevelopment Agency set up. The Tribune and the apartment house owners were sufficiently committed to the whole idea of renovation of the city to be out on a limb from which they could not very well back off.

Childers said that he had been placed on the committee which is to study the possibility of setting up a Redevelopment Agency.

Childers called attention to the fact that 500 people living in the Clinton Park district, designated as the first field of operations for urban renewal, had signed a petition against the program. Labor people living in the district would be asked to attend a meeting and to cooperate in spreading a better understanding of the program.

There were possibilities of getting Government aid on the whole project of replacing old buildings and residences, and just now Congressman Teague of Texas had a bill in the House which would provide the same financial terms for new homes for all citizens as were now provided for veterans. This bill wouldn't necessarily pass, and building tradesmen must be on the lookout to encourage getting Government aid otherwise available.

Since the socalled Operation Home Improvement had been launched in the nation, said Childers, there had been 33% more improvement permits issued this year than in the same period the year before, and this had somewhat checked the do-it-yourself drive.

Childers concluded by emphasizing the immense importance of urban renewal, redevelopment, home improvement, and allied projects for

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Plasterers Change Officers' Terms

Plasterers 112 has adopted a change in terms of office and elected officers.

The change in terms of office provides that the business agent, the financial secretary, and the executive board be elected for two-year terms as follows: business agent to be elected on even numbered years; financial secretary on odd numbered years; the three executive board members with the highest votes to be elected for two years at this election, and the other two to be elected next year and thereafter for two-year terms.

The following were reelected without opposition:

President — B. Roberts

Vice-President — D. Lackey

Financial Secretary — George Whitton

Business Representative — J. Egan

Recording Secretary — G. Bennett

Sergeant-at-Arms — P. Connoly

Executive Board 5 Members: M. Hennegan, T. Pearson, J. Wade, C. Anderson, B. Burnett. Others running for the executive board were: L. Cole, D. Mesquitta, P. Churchill, T. Alfaro.

Two Delegates for Alameda County BTC: G. Whitton, J. Egan. Other candidates were: C. Anderon, N. Hill.

Two Delegates to Contra Costa BTC: B. Roberts, J. Egan.

Three Delegates to Northern District Council of Plasterers and Cement Masons: J. Egan, G. Whitton, G. Bennett. Another candidate was L. Cole.

Telegraphers Buy COPE, Help Strike

Commercial Telegraphers 208 for some time was very busy with its share of the national negotiations which finally resulted on favorable terms of the contract with Western Union. But that didn't keep the local from attending to the broad interests of the labor movement as a whole.

The local was alloted 100 membership cards by COPE (the AFLCIO Committee for Political Education.) President Larry Ross announces that "we are happy to say we sold them all, and have requested an additional supply."

Also, the executive board voted to send a sizable contribution to the UAW strikers at the Kohler plant in the East.

Mathiesen Tells Of Dispute With Montgomery Ward

Russ Mathiesen, secretary, Department & Specialty Store Employees, this week issued the following statement:

No matter how you doll 'em up, you just can't make a fair employer out of Montgomery-Ward.

If you happen to be down Hayward way in the next few days, drop by and find out why Retail Clerks are passing out leaflets there—and in front of some 19 other Ward stores in California along with a couple score more in other states plus Alaska.

The reason—just to save you a trip to Hayward—is simple: Montgomery-Ward simply refused to bargain in good faith with the Retail Clerks although they had been certified by the National Labor Relations Board at every one of the above mentioned branches of the notorious chain.

Now "refusing to bargain" is a wide piece of goods and it covers a lot of sins. Let me be specific:

SIX-DAY WEEK!

For one thing, the company offered to establish contract wage scales for the inexperienced beginner — and nobody else. For the experienced clerk, for the journeyman, Ward's took the position that it would take care of them — and it wouldn't stand for any union butting in on what they paid their clerks.

And on top of it, the Ward representative had the nerve to admit that almost nobody in the 19 California stores would be working at that single wage rate for inexperienced, beginner clerks.

We insist on bargaining for all employees — just like the certification from the NLRB says.

For a second thing, the company said it wanted a six-day week in its stores. It wouldn't listen to any talk about a five-day week—except in two locations out of the 19 where by some freak of fate they already have a five-day week.

You know as well as I that the five-day week is the generally accepted standard. There's scarcely a job of any kind these days — even non-union jobs — where employees don't work a five-day week.

But not at Ward's. Six days a week for them. Period.

Had enough? There's more.

NO OVERTIME

Take overtime, for example. It's pretty generally established that you get overtime when you've put in your eight hours. But not at Montgomery-Ward.

As far as they are concerned, overtime is any old time—and you get straight time whatever time it is. Ten hours a day—or more—or less—it's all straight time as far as Ward's is concerned.

Everybody around us gets wage increases — nice, chunky raises that you can see in your paycheck. People are getting pensions and longer vacations and other improvements.

That's why we hope you'll stop and think next time you're looking for a place to shop. Best suggestion we can make is to look for a Union store—a store that shows the Retail Clerks store card.

There you can be sure. But you can't be sure of anything like decent wages and fair conditions at Montgomery-Ward.

That's for sure.

Strand Products 'Study' Continues

Strand of California, makers of barbecue braziers and the "Kiss of Fire" briquette lighter, is still being checked on at retail outlets by Vernon Hall, business representative, Sheet Metal Production 355, and Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx.

Groulx told the council delegates that retailers were showing a cooperative spirit. He especially mentioned Milen's, 12th and Washington, as cooperating very well.

Strand's put out two braziers, one called Strand and one called Catalina.

The company refuses to deal with the union.

HOW TO BUY

Benefits Help, But Annuities Grow

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

The growth of union-won pensions and Social Security improvements have allayed some of the financial fears of growing old. The number of people over 65 who are assured at least some income for life has doubled in the last five years, the Institute of Life Insurance reports.

About 51 percent of our senior citizens now have some retirement income compared to only 28 percent six years ago. Until recently, over half the retired folks of 65 or older were depending on state old-age assistance or relatives.

Even though the financial terrors of old age have been tamed to some extent, most folks still need additional savings for retirement. The maximum Social Security payment of $108.50 a month for a single person and $162.80 for a man and wife, falls short by a least $35-$45 of basic needs. Various researchers have estimated that a retired couple in a large city need close to $200 a month for an economical budget. A person living alone would need about three-fourths of this amount.

As well as spurring interest in improving Social Security and employer-paid pensions, the awareness of the need for retirement income is booming the sale of privately-purchased annuities, the life-insurance industry reports.

But wage-earners looking ahead to future retirement needs should realize that individually - purchased annuities are expensive. Admittedly annuities have certain advantages for retirement savings. But because of the sales and administrative charge, it is wise to also examine the alternatives, and if you still want an annuity, seek as much comparative value as you can get.

An annuity is a contract with an insurance company. You pay in a certain amount and the company agrees to pay you a specified income every month for the rest of your life beginning at an age you choose. You can either start buying your annuity on installments while you are still working, or when you retire buy one outright.

The big advantage of an annuity is that you can't outlive your savings. You'll get the income as long as you live. The other side of the coin is that you can probably save more putting the same amount of money into other safe investments.

Even "E" bonds will build a larger savings fund than an annuity or the endowment policies which are often sold to provide life insurance now and retirement income later. Specifically, if you save $100 a year in "E" bonds, at the end of 20 years you'd have about $2740. But in a typical annuity you would accumulate only about $2400 of cash value in that period.

Some Good Food

Oven Barbecued Chicken

(Serves 4-5)

1 frying chicken, cut up
2 tablespoons butter
½ cup chopped onion
½ cup chopped celery.
¼ cup chopped green pepper
1 cup catchup
1 cup water
2 tablespoons worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoon brown sugar
⅛ teaspoon pepper

Coat chicken with ¾ cup flour mixed with 2 teaspoons salt and brown in ½ cup hot lard. As pieces are browned, arrange them in casserole. Saute onion in butter until clear. Add all other ingredients and bring to a boil. Pour over chicken. Cover and bake in a moderate (350 degree F.) oven for about an hour or until tender.

LINOLEUM LAYERS 1290 contract expires July 31. Negotiations are now going on. The union asks a 6-hour day.

Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

REPUTED BIRD LOVER, you are presented with a naked little nestling sparrow, newly evicted by the omnipresent and omniverous bulldozer. What do you do?

Common sense tells you to put him out of his misery. There are already far too many sparrows in the world. Also, the chances of a nestling surviving without either mother or nest, are extremely slim.

Something, perhaps that mysterious spark of life which you and this little mite share, impels you to try to save him. You have seen mother birds expertly extract worms from lawns and drop them into the wide-open maws of these babes. But you lack the technique for this process.

The bird must be fed, though, if you are to keep him, so you fall back on that universal nutriment, milk, and you look up a medicine dropper.

Prying open the bill of this squirming midget, you drop in some warm milk, You do this every hour. Then you put him to bed, sure he will be dead by morning.

In the morning he is surprisingly lively. You give him more milk, forcibly. Then suddenly, he opens wide his maw, grabs on to the glass tube and greedily gulps the milk!

You feel the elation of victory and call the family to see your triumph.

Then being human, you wonder why you feel this elation. Sparrows are a pest around the house. Why preserve one more?

You really can't answer that question. Nor can anyone else. That life force which pushes the seed through the clod, which tells the chick to break through the shell, which has carried you through so many shadowed valleys and sloughs of despond, has taken hold of you.

You and the nestling are inextricably chained together in this life process. You inject another dropper full of milk into his gaping mouth, and are strangely happy when he yeeps for more.

NORRIS NASH vice president of Henry J. Kaiser Co., has been reelected as President of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, the civic organization announced recently. Also reelected at the annual organizational meeting of the Chamber were the other officers of the Oakland Chamber serving with him.

Barbara Bell Patterns



8377
11-18

Simple as can be yet so young and cool-looking. Pocketed sundress accented with lace, accompanied by a crisp bolero.

No. 8377 with Patt-O-Rama included is in sizes, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18. Size 12, dress, 4¾ yards of 35-inch; bolero, 1¾ yards.

For this pattern, send 35c in coins, your name, address, pattern number and size wanted to Barbara Bell, East Bay Labor Journal, 367 W. Adams Street, Chicago 6, Ill.

AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY, despite steadily increasing unemployment among its workers, paid stockholders about 50 percent more in dividends during the first five months of 1956 than in the comparable 1955 period, according to the Commerce Department.

Optic Technicians Lacked Union Aid, Says Labor Editor

Dave Selvin, editor of San Francisco Labor, published by the S. F. Labor Council, ran the following vigorous editorial in the June 8 issue:

The Optical Technicians went back to work this week—after 19 weeks on the picket lines. They went back to work without a pension plan—the sole issue that brought on the dispute.

They put up a good fight. The major employers were well-heeled and they were determined. But the union is small; it faced an almost insuperable obstacle in trying to spread its thin forces over picket lines from Eureka to Salinas. Their funds, despite generous contributions, were limited.

The Technicians made some gains and they can be proud of their fight. But neither the labor movement in San Francisco nor the "victorious" employers can take any pride in their part in the dispute. . . .

MOST OF ALL, the labor unions in San Francisco and their members can find little to take pride in. They were challenged by a handful of greedy and stubborn employers and they didn't meet it adequately or with the strength of unity and brotherhood of which San Francisco labor is said to be capable.

The failure to meet that challenge was foreseen in a discussion on the Labor Council floor not many weeks ago. It came up again last week. Questions were raised both nights about how to meet this kind of arrogant challenge.

The Optical Technicians' strike is settled. But the questions that were raised on the Labor Council floor, the questions that are raised here are going to be around for quite a while.

To The Ladies
FROM THE EDITOR

EMBEZZLERS are turning up among women employees of companies at a considerable rate now. They seem to be running a race with the men. And some of the stories they tell when caught about why they stole the money seem just as good as the men's stories in similar situations.

The lady who stole from the boss because she wanted to gamble with the money and thus make a lot more money and move her husband to a healthier climate was in our own county. The one who wanted nice things, including a fifth or two of nice bourbon per week, was in San Francisco. The one who wanted to give her friends Cadillacs — and did!—was in Pennsylvania, if we remember correctly.

LOVE OF LUCRE, the belief that money can buy anything you need in this life. The grossest materialism, the feeling that self-control is out of date; and that only control of a lot of money counts. Such feelings, one can't help but suspect, are at the root of the embezzling.

Look around you, and see how many women, and of course this goes for men, too, genuinely set other values above money. If you see many such people, you're either optimistic, or you're lucky to live in such a fine neighborhood.

Then look in the mirror, and see just what kind of a person you see.

THIS IS PREACHING, plain and unabashed.

But when, almost every day, you read about one or two more persons, and so many of them women now, who would evidently steal a hot stove barehanded if it were made out of gold, you wonder if a little preaching isn't in order. And when it does any good!

Libel Action for $600,000 Filed by Ore. Teamo Leader

PORTLAND, Ore. — A libel suit against the Oregonian Publishing Company, two of its reporters and James B. Elkins has been filed by Clyde C. Crosby, Teamsters international representative for Oregon.

Crosby names as defendants the newspaper, Elkins, a Portland financier of fringe and after hours businesses (and the man who furnished the Oregonian with the recordings on which it based its recent sensational investigations); Wallace Turner and William Lamber, the two reporters who wrote the series of investigative articles which has culminated in a grand jury probe of racketeering in Portland.

The four-point complaint alleges that the Oregonian published false and libelous statements and picture captions, injuring Crosby's good name, fame and credit, and causing mental anguish and suffering. It also alleges that Crosby has been held up to public hatred, ridicule and contempt among members of the Teamsters Union and the public generally.

He sued for $50,000 general and compensatory damages against each defendant, and $100,000 punitive damages and costs on each of the four counts, a total of $600,000.

The Oregonian, never known as a particularly good friend of labor, said, through its attorney, "We have no apprehension in this matter as long as truth remains a defense to a libel action."—Labors Daily.

LONGSHOREMEN under Bridges' leadership are negotiating proposals to speed up production if workday reduced with no pay cut.

Leftist Prefers Ike to Stevenson

President Eisenhower is "a good and decent man," but Adlai Stevenson is "too smart-alecky, too superior to the common people," Anna Louis Strong told the press in San Francisco before giving a lecture in Palo Alto.

Miss Strong has been a defender of Communist Russia for years, was downgraded by Stalin, but is now given prominent space in the People's World.

Her praise of Eisenhower and dispraise of Stevenson followed by only a few days the statement of Vincent Hallinan, 1954 IPP Presidential candidate, that "this year the left is more favorable to President Eisenhower than to Stevenson."

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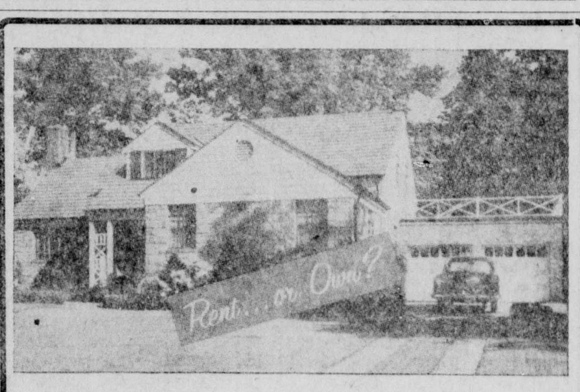
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The AFLCIO announces from Washington that the schedules Monday through Friday of Commentators Edward P. Morgan and John W. Vandercock on KGO are: Morgan 6:45 p. m.; Vandercock 10:05 p. m.

Steamfitters: Highway Bill Big Help

By JAMES MARTIN

United Association President, Peter T. Schoemann, has advised this office that the House of Representatives, on April 27, passed, by a vote of 388 to 19 (with 28 not voting), the multi-billion dollar Highway Construction bill. This is of special importance to building tradesmen, as this bill contains the protection of the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage provision.

The passage of this bill is, in a way, a triple victory for building tradesmen.

First, the passage of the bill means that soon, building tradesmen, as part of the general public, will benefit from improved roads.

Second, the passage of the road construction bill will mean about 151,000 more jobs each year for building and construction tradesmen.

The third victory is that this highway bill contains a Davis-Bacon prevailing wage provision, thus the wage rates of building tradesmen are protected.

Although the Senate version of the highway bill does not now contain a Davis-Bacon prevailing wage provision, it is felt that the Joint Senate House Conference will present a bill with this protective feature.

Credit must be given to both Republican and Democratic Congressmen for seeing that the House highway bill contained a prevailing wage provision, as over 43 Congressmen spoke in behalf of protecting building tradesmen by including the Davis-Bacon provision.

Along with this, the background of this victory is the fact that building trades representatives were determined that Congress, in enacting a highway program, would keep in mind the responsibility of the Federal Government to avoid undercutting labor wage rates, which had been negotiated through collective bargaining. They were determined that each member of Congress would know the facts about the Davis-Bacon prevailing wage principle. Therefore, arrangements were made to hold building trades legislative meetings in Washington, D. C. Two were held in 1955 and 1956, with over 2000 delegates in attendance, representing various crafts. The United Association was well represented, as over 300 Delegates were present at both meetings. Brother Kovacevich and this writer represented this local union at both Conferences.

The job of informing each Congressman was a long and difficult one, but was a major factor in the job of educating them to the facts about the prevailing wage principle.

In conclusion, it just goes to prove what a job we can do if we all go about the task, whatever it may be, together.

Our next meeting to be held, will be July 5, 1956, and again the date for our Annual Picnic, July 15, 1956, at Knowland Park, Oakland, California.

STROKES OF THE BRUSH FROM LOCAL No. 127

Painters 127: Negotiation Status

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

Probably the most important thing on the minds of the Painters these days is just what is our status in regards to the new agreement. As I have been reporting at the various meetings it is pretty well known that a majority of the employers voted against accepting the recommendations of the sub committee appointed by both groups. This vote was taken on June 11th at the same time that all local unions voted on the agreement with nearly 100% approval. This left everything up in the air with of course the next move being up to the employers. The labor representatives have been sitting idly by waiting for the employers to move and in the meantime planning our procedures after June 30 when we would be without any kind of an agreement. With over 95% of the work in this area under union control and with the larger part of the employing contractors ready, able and more than willing to sign up individual agreements with the three councils, labor had not or has not at present any worries. For any individual or group of individuals to assume that with the amount of work at present and it under union control that labor would lose any time is really stupid. It would certainly show a lack of ability for any representative to allow his members to lose time under the above conditions. The employer groups held a meeting last night (Monday) and have requested the labor representatives to meet with them again tomorrow morning (Wednesday) at which time it is assumed that things will be wrapped up. At least it looks that way right now. The brothers can be assured and this applies to all locals that preparations are ready right now to meet any eventuality that may arise and that in the event we have no agreement come July 1st the brothers will be notified of what procedures to follow.

All locals busy on the electing of their own officers and the Secretary-Treasurer and business representatives of the council. May I be the first to congratulate the winners.

Their is a tremendous amount of work in the area at this time so if you know of any qualified painters not belonging to the union send them to the union office. All locals are accepting applications and sending the applicants to work; I expect that next week I will be able to report that the new agreement is in effect so that the brothers checks will be signed by the same employer instead of some one else.

APPRENTICESHIP is an ancient means of acquiring skills, the U. S. Labor Department points out. In 2100 B. C. the Babylonian Code of Hammurabi explicitly provided that artisans teach their crafts to youth.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!



To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

Painters Local Union No. 127 Special Meeting Notice

All members of the above local are hereby notified that the next meeting of the local will be a special called meeting to be held on Thursday evening, June 28th at 2315 Valdez Street, Labor Temple. Purpose of this meeting will be to vote on the Secretary-Treasurer of the District Council No. 16, the Business Representatives of the council and the officers of our local.

Balloting will start at 7 p.m. in Hall C and the meeting will take place a 8 p.m. in Hall A. All brothers will receive a letter during the coming week about this meeting. Please read it carefully as it may effect your conditions for the coming year. Refreshments will be served and we ask all brothers to make every possible effort to attend.

Fraternally,
Painters Local No. 127
EDGAR GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 216

Death Assessment No. 392 is now due and payable. Brother Loren D. Atkinson, No. 90506, a member of Local No. 104, San Francisco, passed away on May 19, 1956.

LLOYD CHILD,
Fraternaly,
Business Representative

Hayward Painters 1178

Come Friday, July 6, we will be called to order in a regular meeting at the usual 8 o'clock p.m. hour. Initiation of the newly elected officers will be the first order of business.

There was much favorable comment on the turnout of the membership at the last two meetings. If you brothers knew how much the officers of the Local appreciate such gatherings you will continue this practice.

Another event at the last two meetings was the attendance of a number of officers from the various Locals in the East Bay. This is a gesture that we believe would better relations in every way with the other locals in the area. Why not keep it up?

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

County School Employees 257 Important! Meeting Hall Change

The next regular meeting will be held at 1918 Grove St., Oakland, on July 7, at 2:00 p.m. The executive board will meet at 10:00 a.m.

Fraternally,
JOE FALLS,
Secretary

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EMPLOYMENT IN MAY passed the 65 million level for the first time this year but unemployment, instead of the usual seasonal decline, actually showed a small increase, the combined report of the Labor and Commerce Department showed.

OAKLAND CITY pay schedule changes proposed for July 1 have been held up by the City Council for study.

"WATER CONSUMPTION of the East Bay Area served by the East Bay Municipal Utility District is increasing so rapidly that by 1966 the average daily consumption of water will exceed the District's present water rights of 200,000,000 gallons daily," Norris Nash, president of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, warns.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Dressing Room Chatter

Connelly & Finks Named Delegates

By JOE CONNELLY

At a recent meeting of Special Department locals of the I.A.T.S.E. of the Second District, Brothers Joe Connelly of our local and Brother Harry Finks of local B-66, Sacramento were elected to attend the forthcoming convention of the I.A.T.S.E. to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, August 20-24th.

Brother Ed Geiger of local B-17, San Francisco, was elected as first alternate delegate and Brother C. M. Hutchinson, local B-61 of Los Angeles was elected a as second alternate delegate.

The meeting was conducted by Second International Vice-President Carl Cooper of Los Angeles, with International Representative John Forde of San Francisco, and District Secretary William Daul of local 10 also in attendance.

The 2nd I.A.T.S.E. district represents the states of Arizona, California and Nevada.

Up and down the aisle . . . Sove your friends an unnecessary trip by reminding them of the **new office address—2030 Broadway, Room 201, directly across the street from the Paramount theater.** Workmen started remodeling of the old office last Monday to make room for expanded operations of the Central Valley National Bank. Our telephone number remains the same. All members have been notified directly of the change . . . **William Nasser, Jr.,** District Manager of Nasser Brothers Theaters operations in Alameda reportedly recovering from a recent operation. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery . . . **John Lacasa,** leaving the T & D door and being replaced by **George Stonich** . . . **Betty Karaff** of the same house currently on vacation, with two new girls added to the crew in the personages of **Mary Dominguez** and **Margaret Salazar** . . . A couple of vacation relief shifts opening soon for qualified experienced top flight cashiers.

SPRING HIRINGS added 5,800 workers in California's factories between April and May, bringing manufacturing employment in May to a total of 1,123,700 wage and salary workers.

NATIONAL COUNCIL of the Churches or Christ in the United States authorized the issuance of a 14-page statement disapproving "right - to - work" laws already passed by 18 states and being pushed in 15 additional states.

Watch It With Watchmakers

Watchmakers Are Watching Hours

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

As you all know, last year we made an issue over the short week being worked over a six day period. The outcome was that if the forty (40) hour week is worked over six days, it must be worked within the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Any short work week for the five days, requires overtime pay for the hours worked on Saturday.

We call this to your attention because we had occasion this past week to correct the hours of one of the East Bay Stores where the hours had been changed and did not comply with this new union regulation.

If at any time you are asked to work the forty (40) hours over a six day week contrary to the hours above mentioned, please inform the union office.

A new jewelry store has opened in Redwood City located on the Woodside Plaza, known as the Plaza Jewelry.

Although there is no man employed at the present time, this store is giving their watch work out to one of our members and I have hopes that this may build up to the point where a watchmaker may be necessary on the premises.

Lockhart's Jewlery Store in Millbrae has expanded and opened another jewelry store in San Bruno. We have had one meeting with Mr. Lockhart relative to the signing of our union agreement and another meeting is scheduled. We trust we shall get a union agreement signed with Mr. Lockhart and will report again on this matter.

SAN FRANCISCO-EAST BAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The next membership meeting will be held on Thursday, June 28th at 7:30 p.m.—Native Sons Hall, 414 Mason St., San Francisco, California.

LOUIS STULBERG of the Ladies Garment Workers has been appointed to the newly-created post of executive vice president of the union, President David Dubinsky announced after a meeting of the general executive board.

FOOD PRICES in San Francisco continued to rise during April and were 0.6 percent higher than in March. The index of food prices of 112.8 nevertheless remained 0.6 percent below that of April of 1955.

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That Jail Escape And Vernon Alibi

Oakland Police Chief Vernon, when two prisoners escaped by sliding down the elevator cable, tried to lay the blame on building trades workers for cutting a hole large enough for the men to get through.

But after Vernon fulminated against the idea of any policemen joining a union, he introduced what were said to be strong measures of economy, and one of these measures reduced the number of those guarding the prisoners.

At any rate, after the two who escaped were caught, it came out that all the prisoners had been watching the hole for many days, and speculating on whether escape could be made through it. So indications are that the escape was due to inadequate guarding made necessary by the chief's own orders rather than to any fault of building tradesmen.

The above points were raised by Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash in his report to the council this week.

NEW CONSTRUCTION expenditures rose in May to $3.7 billion, equaling the previous May high set in 1955, preliminary estimates of the U. S. Departments of Labor and Commerce disclosed.

Carpenters Taking Area Strike Vote

(Continued from Page 1)

building trades workers. He said it could mean work for from ten to twenty years for a great many craftsmen, and he hoped that the AFLCIO Building Trades Department in Washington would press the whole idea vigorously.

After Childers had finished his report on this, U. S. Grant, Carpenters 1473, said that he was sorry the BTC had joined with the merchants and other business groups in pushing this project; he himself had his home in the district marked for the operation, and wondered what people 60 or 70 years of age were supposed to do—how were they to meet the expense of the deal?

Childers replied that if a home had been well kept up, a family would not be disturbed in any way, and that he was sure Grant as a good carpenter had kept his own home in good condition.

TRIBUTE TO LABOR is planned as part of the ceremonies August 31 for dedication of the Richmond - San Rafael Brdige. Chief Justice Earl Warren may be invited to speak. The big span cost $68,000,000. There may be a queen, also.

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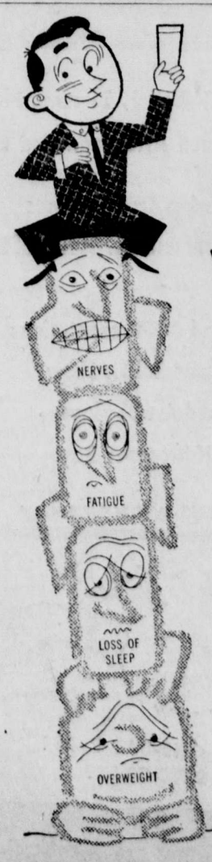
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GEO. P. MILLER

Editor, Labor Journal:

Through the medium of the East Bay Labor Journal, will you please thank the members of organized labor who so loyally supported me at the Primary Election.

I am happy to have had the endorsement of Labor's League for Political Education. It has been my privilege to have had active support of labor since I entered politics twenty years ago.

Naturally I am very pleased at the splendid vote I received but I want to hasten to add, the General Election in November will be a critical one.

Labor cannot rest on its laurels; the battle will not be won until the votes are counted in November. Let us close ranks and go forward to victory.

Again, I want to sincerely thank labor for its generous support.

Sincerely,
GEORGE P. MILLER
Congressman
8th District

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MARCH K. FONG

Editor, Labor Journal:

This letter is written with great humility and deep sincerity. I am moved by the expression of confidence evidenced by the people in their electing me to membership on th Alameda County Board of Education. It is difficult to find adequate words of thanks to the many, many individuals that made it possible for me to have the opportunity of serving the county in this capacity. To you and your newspaper I appreciate the way in which you so fairly and open-mindedly reported the situation with respect to this county board of education election. Know that I shall make every effort to competently handle the job which the people have entrusted to me.

Sincerely,
MARCH K. FONG (Mrs.)

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IAM EDITOR

Editor, Labor Journal:

Congratulations on your 30th Anniversary celebration! It is comforting to know that some good things in life are permanent.

May your next 30 years be as useful.

With kindest regards, I am

Fraternally,
GORDON H. COLE,
Editor
The Machinist

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EDITORIALS

Wheels on Juggernaut Wagon Seem to Be a Bit Wobbly!

The California State Federation of Labor in its newsletter of June 15 quoted approvingly the report of a House of Representatives committee that the Eisenhower Administration and the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. had joined hands to destroy public power and set up a "complete private power monopoly in the United States."

The AFLCIO News of June 9 reported that the executive council of the AFLCIO directed united labor's Department of Legislation to support congressional passage of the Niagara public power bill already approved by the Senate, but went on to state that "Vice President Keenan of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was registered as 'not voting' because of his union's position on the bill."

His union's position on public ownership of power facilities was stated clearly by Gordon M. Freeman, general president of the IBEW, at a June 4 gathering in Atlantic City of representatives of the big privately owned utilities banded together in what is known as the Edison Electric Institute.

At that meeting Harlee Branch Jr., president of the Institute and of the Georgia Power Co., told 3500 electric utilities' executives that lobbying against public power had been so successful during the past few years that "the private-versus-public-power" issue is "practically dead in both national and local elections."

Branch contrasted the delights of the present situation with that of "only a few years ago," when, he said, "New Dealers and Fair Dealers in both political parties, ganging up with outright Socialists, had pummeled our industry into grogginess."

IBEW President Freeman, according to the New York Times of June 5, addressed the gathering and declared that his union, comprising more than 645,000 workers in every branch of the electrical industry, "will continue to oppose the extension of Government ownership and operation of electric light and power facilities beyond the actual necessities of the situation."

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Then there was a June 5 Associated Press dispatch from Washington telling of a speech made by Tom Lazzio, president of United Auto Workers Local 300, Paterson, N. J., at a political training school for young Republicans. Lazzio was reported as declaring that "the laboring men and women of this nation will vote Republican," and that he is "one labor leader proud to be in the camp of Dwight D. Eisenhower."

The Gallup Poll claims that in 1952 it is estimated President Eisenhower received some 39 percent of the labor vote, and that in a recent polling of a cross section of labor people from coast to coast when those interviewed were asked their preference between Eisenhower and Stevenson, 56 percent preferred Eisenhower.

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What's the moral of these various news items turning up in the press during the past few weeks? We'd hazard the guess the moral is that the big utility interests and all the other big interests which use the popular General as a front, sick or well, golfing or collapsing, feel pretty good. They figure it pays to keep on denouncing organized labor as a dangerous juggernaut crushing all other groups, but at the same time they smile at these divisions in labor, and figure things are going pretty well, and that the wheels on the juggernaut wagon are wobbly and not well greased.

Meanwhile the Taft-Hartley Law sticks on the Federal statute books and its darling children the socalled "right to work" laws remain on the books of many States, seemingly with more to come, and various schemes for increasing the load of taxation on the less able to pay continue to be advanced. If united labor doesn't develop pretty soon a unified political philosophy we'll learn a lot about who's got the real juggernaut, as it rolls over us.

Those 'Unprofessional' Teachers

More than 100 teachers at a meeting of the Berkeley Board of Education last week were told by Board President Victor Bottari that their conduct during the course of salary discussion was "unprofessional."

"You call yourselves professional people," said Bottari. "Tonight you are not acting like it."

That was because they didn't agree with a scheme for pay proposed by Bottari.

That same evening over in Richmond 75 Teachers Union pickets were marching up and down in front of the building where trustees of both the High School and the Elementary School Districts of Richmond were conferring together on teachers' pay.

Meanwhile in New York City thousands of teachers continued to refuse to carry on the many extracurricular tasks that are loaded on them; they were doing this in protest against what they considered the smallness of their pay adjustment.

Apparently teachers are getting more "unprofessional" every day. Which means: they're tired of being doormats.

Another Busy Burglar

Thirty-one States of the 32 needed have called on Congress to submit a constitutional amendment limiting the maximum tax against income to 25 percent of the total annual peacetime earning of an individual taxpayer. This is the socalled "millionaires' tax plan." If 36 States ratify the amendment, it becomes law. Then the less able to pay will be soaked still more heavily to make up for the heavy losses of tax on the richer people.

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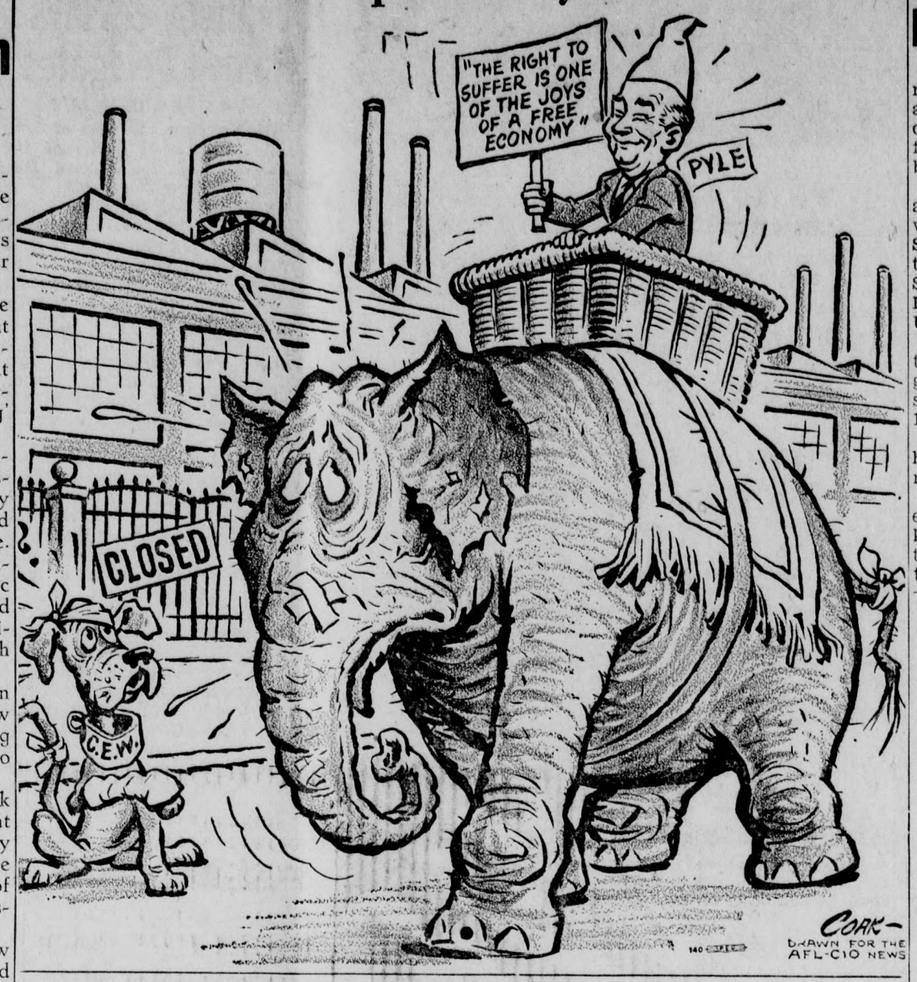
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County Fair Gets Under Way Today

With record-breaking entries reported in all departments, the historic Alameda County Fair is opening a 14-day run at Pleasanton today, Friday, June 22.

Exhibitors are vieing for $100,000 in premium money offered by the sponsoring Alameda County Agricultural Fair Association, according to Harry Schackelton, president of the civic body.

The county's economic and cultural wares go on display during the Exposition expected to attract more than 300,000 visitors.

Products are glorified in the floriculture, beef and dairy cattle, home economics, pigeons and rabbits, agriculture, horticulture, art, photography, farm implement, commercial and industrial and other divisions.

Highlighting the entertainment agenda are 12 days of pari-mutuel horse racing supervised by Sam J. Whiting, racing director and prominent California sportsman.

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Lapel Button For AFLCIO Described

AFLCIO Secretary-Treasurer William F. Schnitzler has notified the Central Labor Council that the new AFLCIO lapel button is ready for purchase by unions and members.

"We hope you will agree," writes Schnitzler, "that its simplicity of design is particularly appropriate. The unity of the membership of the American trade union movement is highlighted in the main body of the button, over which is a bar with the inscribed initials of our merged Federation.

"Above the bar is a bald eagle with wings spread, historically symbolic of strength, courage, and freedom, a particularly apt characterization of our united American labor movement. The red, white and blue of the American flag are used in our lapel button to represent the love and devotion to our country as demonstrated by labor throughout American history."

No Redeveloping, Then No Renewal?

Urban renewal will have to be accompanied by an urban redevelopment program handled by an Oakland Urban Redevelopment Commission if there is to be renewal of the extensive type hoped for.

That is the growing conviction among some of those backing the renewal program, Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash told the delegates to that body this week.

He said that a subcommittee has been named by the Urban Renewal Committee to look into the matter, and "it is my hope that the subcommittee will bring in a report recommending the setting up of an Urban Redevelopment Commission."

GOLDEN GATE FIELDS will race 42 days, September 10-October 27. The Golden Gate Futurity will gross $50,000. It will be run at one mile on the closing day of the season.

3 Students Gain Fed Scholarships

Two girls and a boy were named as winners in the sixth annual high school scholarship contest sponsored by the California State Federation of Labor.

Winners of the three $500 awards are: Peggy Jean Bosworth, 17, St. Mary's High School, Stockton; Rochelle Leiter, 17, North Hollywood High School, North Hollywood; and Eldon Ray Clingan, 18, Merced Union High School, Merced.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the state AFL organization, declared that 381 students participated in the 1956 competition.

The contest was open to all high school seniors in California and Hawaii.

Students were graded on an examination testing their knowledge of industrial relations history and practices in the United States.

THE MEANY MENTIONED IS THAT MAN IN HOUSE OF LABOR IN WASHINGTON

In discussing the progress of local and State mergers, Meany emphasized the December, 1957, deadline and said groups not merged by that time "are through."

He said charters will be "automatically picked up" and new organizations chartered by the AFLCIO. He noted that the merger agreement gave all local and State groups two years within which to merge. If they haven't accomplished it by then, he went on, then it is no longer a matter of negotiation, arbitration, or mediation.—Labors Daily June 9, 1956.

LOCAL STEELWORKERS are watching closely the national negotiations. Current contract with 172 companies expires June 30.



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